

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S1521–S1549*

**Measures Introduced:** Thirty-six bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1439–1474, and S. Res. 195–200. **Pages S1533–34**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 206, to require the Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection to regularly review and update policies and manuals related to inspections at ports of entry. (S. Rept. No. 118–16)

S. 670, to improve services for trafficking victims by establishing, in Homeland Security Investigations, the Investigators Maintain Purposeful Awareness to Combat Trafficking Trauma Program and the Victim Assistance Program. (S. Rept. No. 118–17)

S. 709, to improve performance and accountability in the Federal Government. (S. Rept. No. 118–18)

S. Res. 23, demanding that the Government of the People's Republic of China and the Communist Party of China immediately release Mark Swidan.

S. Res. 99, supporting the goals of International Women's Day, and with an amended preamble.

S. Res. 106, condemning Beijing's destruction of Hong Kong's democracy and rule of law, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and with an amended preamble.

S. Res. 115, supporting the goals and ideals of "Countering International Parental Child Abduction Month" and expressing the sense of the Senate that Congress should raise awareness of the harm caused by international parental child abduction.

S. 396, to require the Secretary of State to submit an annual report to Congress regarding the ties between criminal gangs and political and economic elites in Haiti and impose sanctions on political and economic elites involved in such criminal activities, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 682, to provide for the treatment of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) as an international organization for purposes of the International Organizations Immunities Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 797, to establish and implement a multi-year Legal Gold and Mining Partnership Strategy to re-

duce the negative environmental and social impacts of illicit gold mining in the Western Hemisphere, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 841, to authorize the Caribbean Basin Security Initiative, to enhance the United States-Caribbean security partnership, to prioritize natural disaster resilience, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1240, to modify the requirements for candidate countries under the Millennium Challenge Act of 2003.

S. 1325, to establish a partnership with nations in the Western Hemisphere to promote economic competitiveness, democratic governance, and security, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. Con. Res. 7, condemning Russia's unjust and arbitrary detention of Russian opposition leader Vladimir Kara-Murza who has stood up in defense of democracy, the rule of law, and free and fair elections in Russia, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and with an amended preamble.

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#### Measures Passed:

**National Specialized Instructional Support Personnel Appreciation Week:** Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 181, supporting the designation of the week of April 24 through April 28, 2023, as "National Specialized Instructional Support Personnel Appreciation Week", and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S1539**

**National Water Week:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 198, designating the week of April 23 through April 29, 2023, as "National Water Week". **Page S1539**

**United States Foreign Service Day:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 199, designating May 5, 2023, as "United States Foreign Service Day" in recognition of the men and women who have served, or are presently serving, in the Foreign Service of the United States, and honoring the members of the Foreign Service who have given their lives in the line of duty. **Page S1539**

**National Small Business Week:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 200, expressing support for the designation

of the week of April 30, 2023, through May 6, 2023, as “National Small Business Week” to celebrate the contributions of small businesses and entrepreneurs in every community in the United States.

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**202nd Anniversary of the Independence of Greece:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 119, recognizing the 202nd anniversary of the independence of Greece and celebrating democracy in Greece and the United States.

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### **Appointments:**

**Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress:** The Chair announced, on behalf of the Republican Leader, pursuant to Public Law 101–509, the reappointment of the following individual to serve as a member of the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress: Deborah Skaggs of Kentucky.

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**Shogan Nomination:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Colleen Joy Shogan, of Pennsylvania, to be Archivist of the United States.

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During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 53 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. EX. 114), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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**Gupta Nomination:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Geeta Rao Gupta, of Virginia, to be Ambassador at Large for Global Women's Issues.

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During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 50 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. EX. 115), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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**Shogan and Gupta Nominations—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the post-cloture time on the nominations of Colleen Joy Shogan and Geeta Rao Gupta be considered expired; and that the votes on confirmation of the nominations, be at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, following consultation with the Republican Leader.

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**Gorordo Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of L. Felice Gorordo, of Florida, to be United States Alternate Executive Director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Geeta Rao Gupta, of Virginia,

to be Ambassador at Large for Global Women's Issues.

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Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session.

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Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the nomination at approximately 3 p.m., on Tuesday, May 9, 2023; and that the motions to invoke cloture filed during the session of Thursday, May 4, 2023 ripen at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 9, 2023.

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**Wright-Gallo Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Glenna Laureen Wright-Gallo, of Nevada, to be Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of L. Felice Gorordo, of Florida, to be United States Alternate Executive Director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

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**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 56 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. EX. 113), LaShonda A. Hunt, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois.

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Damien M. Diggs, of Texas, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Texas for the term of four years.

Amanda K. Brailsford, of Idaho, to be United States District Judge for the District of Idaho.

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Routine lists in the Foreign Service.

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**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Loren L. AliKhan, of the District of Columbia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia.

Susan Kim DeClercq, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan.

Julia Kathleen Munley, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Pennsylvania.

Vernon D. Oliver, of Connecticut, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

2 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, and Navy. **Pages S1544–49**

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**Record Votes:** Three record votes were taken today. (Total—115) **Pages S1527–29**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 3:44 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Friday, May 5, 2023. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1543.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### COMMODITY PROGRAMS, CREDIT, AND CROP INSURANCE

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Subcommittee on Commodities, Risk Management, and Trade concluded a hearing to examine commodity programs, credit, and crop insurance, focusing on industry perspectives on risk management and access to credit, after receiving testimony from Verlin Barker, First Community Bank, Newell, Iowa, on behalf of the Independent Community Bankers of America; Phillip D. Morgan, Southern AgCredit, Ridgeland, Mississippi, and Jase Wagner, Compeer Financial, Sun Prairie, Wisconsin, both on behalf of the Farm Credit Council; William Cole, Cole Agency, Batesville, Mississippi, on behalf of the Crop Insurance Professionals Association; James R. Korin, NAU Country Insurance Company, Ramsey, Minnesota, on behalf of the American Association of Crop Insurers; and Jason Meador, Rural Community Insurance Services, Anoka, Minnesota and Schaumburg, Illinois, on behalf of the Crop Insurance and Reinsurance Bureau.

### APPROPRIATIONS: NIH

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2024 for the National Institutes of Health, after receiving testimony from Lawrence A. Tabak, Performing the Duties of the Director, Douglas R. Lowy, Deputy Director, National Cancer Institute, Joshua A. Gordon, Director, National Institute for Mental Health, Richard J. Hodes, Director, National Institute on Aging, and Nora D. Volkow, Director, National Institute on Drug Abuse, all of the National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services.

### WORLDWIDE THREATS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded open and closed hearings to examine worldwide threats, after receiving testimony from Avril D. Haines, Director of National Intelligence; and Lieutenant General Scott Berrier, USA, Director, Defense Intelligence Agency, Department of Defense.

### RECENT BANK FAILURES

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine holding executives accountable after recent bank failures, including S. 1045, to amend the Federal Deposit Insurance Act to clarify that the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and appropriate Federal regulators have the authority to claw back certain compensation paid to executives, and S. 1181, to amend the Federal Deposit Insurance Act to improve financial stability, after receiving testimony from Da Lin, University of Richmond School of Law, Richmond, Virginia; and Tom Quaadman, U.S. Chamber of Commerce Center for Capital Market Competitiveness, and Heidi Mandanis Schooner, The Catholic University of America Columbus School of Law, both of Washington, D.C.

### DEBT LIMIT LEGISLATION

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine H.R. 2811, to provide for a responsible increase to the debt ceiling, after receiving testimony from Mark Zandi, Moody's Analytics, Malvern, Pennsylvania; Fred Krupp, Environmental Defense Fund, and Brian Riedl, The Manhattan Institute for Policy Research, both of New York, New York; and Abigail Ross Hopper, Solar Energy Industries Association, and Jason J. Fichtner, Bipartisan Policy Center, both of Washington, D.C.

**FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION OVERSIGHT**

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, after receiving testimony from Willie Phillips, Chairman, and James P. Danly, Allison Clements, and Mark C. Christie, each a Commissioner, all of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

**NOMINATIONS**

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Stephanie Syptak-Ramnath, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Peru, Arthur W. Brown, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Ecuador, Yael Lempert, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, and Roger F. Nyhus, of Washington, to be Ambassador to Barbados, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Federation of Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Antigua and Barbuda, the Commonwealth of Dominica, Grenada, and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, who was introduced by Senator Cantwell, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

**PANDEMIC AND ALL-HAZARDS PREPAREDNESS ACT**

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine pre-

paring for the next public health emergency, focusing on reauthorizing the Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Act, after receiving testimony from Dawn O'Connell, Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response, Rochelle P. Walensky, Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Robert M. Califf, Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Food and Drug Administration, all of the Department of Health and Human Services; Reshma Ramachandran, Yale School of Medicine, New Haven, Connecticut; Robert Weissman, Public Citizen, Washington, D.C.; and Marty Makary, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Baltimore, Maryland.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1207, to establish a National Commission on Online Child Sexual Exploitation Prevention, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of Molly R. Silfen, of the District of Columbia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, Eric G. Olshan, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Pennsylvania, and Craig J. Anderson, to be United States Marshal for the District of Montana.

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# House of Representatives

***Chamber Action***

The House was not in session today. The House will meet at 11 a.m. on Friday, May 5, 2023.

***Committee Meetings***

No hearings were held.

***Joint Meetings***

No joint committee meetings were held.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,  
MAY 5, 2023**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

**Senate**

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

**House**

No hearings are scheduled.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

9:30 a.m., Friday, May 5

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Friday:** Senate will meet in a pro forma session.

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

11 a.m., Friday, May 5

## House Chamber

**Program for Friday:** House will meet in Pro Forma session at 11 a.m.



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